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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for orienting a bridge in position relative to a dental implant (1) with the aid of a spacer member (2) which is brought into cooperation with, ~~on the one hand, the respective dental implant and, on the other hand,~~ with a fastening member members (11) arranged in the bridge, the method comprising:

~~wherein coupling~~ a first sleeve-shaped part (9) included in the spacer member ~~to the for the respective dental implant is brought into cooperation with the implant, ;~~

~~coupling~~ and a second sleeve-shaped part (10) included in the spacer member ~~to for the respective implant is brought into cooperation with, on the one hand, the first sleeve-shaped part and, on the other hand, with~~ a fastening member in the bridge;[[,]]

~~assembling~~ the first and second sleeve-shaped parts ~~are made to assume assembled positions together~~ when the bridge is anchored to the dental implant; and

~~implants, and, upon separation of the bridge from the dental implant, separating implants,~~ the first and second sleeve-shaped parts ~~are separated~~ so that the first sleeve-shaped part maintains its position on the dental ~~respective~~ implant[[,]] and the second sleeve-shaped part follows along with the bridge or ~~constitutes~~ comprises a free part.

2. (Currently amended) An arrangement for orienting a bridge (3) in position relative to a dental implant, the arrangement comprising:

a-spacer member configured to cooperate ~~which on the one hand cooperates with the respective dental implant and on the other hand permits to provide~~ position orientation through cooperation with fastening members arranged in the bridge, wherein the spacer ~~member members~~ of the ~~respective implant~~ comprise first and. second sleeve-shaped parts, where the first sleeve-shaped. part (9) cooperates with. the dental implant and the second sleeve-shaped part (10) is configured such that the second sleeve-part can be joined to and separated from the first sleeve-

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shaped part and has a portion which can cooperate with the a fastening member in question, and wherein the first sleeve-shaped part has a longitudinal extent which is related to the installation situation and is preferably shortened in relation to the second sleeve-shaped part.

3. (Currently amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, ~~patent claim 2~~ wherein the first sleeve-shaped part (9) has a length substantially corresponding to a thickness (T) of a soft tissue (5) or a gum on the jaw bone, in which the respective dental implant is applied.

4. (Currently amended) The arrangement as claimed in claim 1 ~~patent claim 1 or 2~~, wherein the first sleeve-shaped part (9) can be arranged in relation to and can cooperate with fibers (7) of the gingiva and, if appropriate, the periosteum (8).

5. (Currently amended) The arrangement as in claim 1, ~~elaimed in patent 3 or 4~~, wherein the first sleeve-shaped part cooperates with the dental implant via an upper flange surface on the dental implant ~~latter~~.

6. (Currently amended) The arrangement as in claim 1, ~~elaimed in patent claims 2-5~~, wherein the second sleeve-shaped part (10) has a lower sleeve-shaped portion. which can be engaged on an upper portion, ~~e. g. provided with outer thread (9a)~~, of the first sleeve-shaped part (9).

7. (Currently amended) The arrangement as claim 1, ~~elaimed in patent claims~~ wherein the second sleeve-shaped part (10) has a first part which can cooperate with the first sleeve-shaped part, and a second part which is narrower. in relation to the first part and which supports the portion cooperating with the fastening member

8. (Currently amended) The arrangement as ~~elaimed in patent claim 7~~, wherein the first and second upper parts merge on the outside via an inclined outer surface (10e) which adjoins the top surface (6a) of the soft tissue or gum.

9. (Currently amended) The arrangement as in claim 8, ~~wherein elaimed in either of patent claims 7 and 8~~, wherein the narrowed part is included in a narrowed bridge construction.

10. (Currently amended) The arrangement as in claim 9, ~~wherein elaimed in either of patent claims 8 and 9~~, wherein the first sleeve-shaped part for the respective implant (1) can be

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anchored to the implant, and the first and second parts can be mutually guided in relation to one another by ~~means of~~ an internal screw with a head (12), ~~the head of~~ which extends, in the assembled state, substantially level with the inclined upper surface